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Marginal Column

By EHUD LAQUEUR

A VISITING American professor who has lectured here about the United States has reached the conclusion that the questions he was asked reveal a grave lack of knowledge. Is Mr. Dulles' anti-Israel policy due only to the fact that he did not get the Jewish votes? Don't you think that the Russian danger is grossly exaggerated by big business? Others based their questions on such varied assumptions as "the political system of the U.S. is a dictatorship because the minority has no representation at all" or "politics is just business in the United States; that is, to make money without any consideration for higher issues such as peace." The lecturer commented that "these were questions loaded with prejudices built up over many years and with profound ignorance of American life."

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IT is disconcerting to see a political scientist surprised about the prevalence of prejudice. He must know that not all questions asked by the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Chamber of Commerce in Middletown on similar occasions, would be very intelligent and fair, and he surely has realised that not all the books by his colleagues are impartial and well informed.

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THE social scientists long ago reached the conclusion, as one of them put it, that few persons hold systematic and reasoned views, whether they are radical, liberal or conservative. The great majority show stereotyped opinions, some repeating the views of their newspapers, others what they have heard others say. Persons with a large tally of prejudices to their account, the social statisticians inform us, for what their tests are worth, have from 50 to 70 per cent of prejudices, whilst the most impartial have from 5 to 15 per cent. The majority apparently need the illusions of prejudice for the sake of energy which they generate. The relationship between intelligence and impartiality is rather remote and intelligence is often used, as we all know, to systematise prejudices and make them more defensible or even "scientific."

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THIS is no apologia for prejudices about the United States or any other subject. The age of industrialisation and political democracy has caused an unprecedented interest in politics, including foreign affairs. But this interest is not matched by a growth in knowledge and objectivity. Stereotyped ideas are frequently characteristic of public opinion. This, partly at least, may be unavoidable in the age of the mass media of communications, and the United States has certainly reached an advanced stage among the democracies. But such observations provide little comfort for this country. What, then, can be done to encourage the growth of more internal and soundly based views, to lessen the dependence upon stereotypes and slogans?

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IN trying to reply to that question, one realizes fairly quickly that it is much easier to criticize than to offer helpful advice. The Press of this country on the whole is not worse than that of most other countries. Standardization has made some progress: The periodicals most frequently quoted in reprint in Israel are the "New Statesman" and certain American news magazines such as "Newsweek," both of which, though on a different level and though sharing little in common in their political outlook, thrive on prejudice. For one reason or other they are thought to be "intelligent" journals and therefore have to be republished. But the underlying reason for this and similar practices is surely lack of knowledge rather than ill will. There are more serious dangers, to be sure; a narrow provincialism, some Levantine infusion of "*nationalisme intégral*," by which one's stand on each possible issue in the world is made conditional on the sole criterion of "whether it is good for the Jews." This tribal nationalism is typical of much that is published in the popular press of this country, but this again is no exclusive Israel problem, nor is the magnificent roaring of the young lions of the afternoon papers our main headache.

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STAMPING out prejudice and the diffusion of knowledge are of vital importance, but it is extremely difficult to come to grips with such a task. Merely noting the existence of prejudice is like splitting away from Mapam or talking on Israel foreign policy or complaining about the Municipality in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Everyone does it, and it doesn't help very much.

Jerusalem, August 22.

Israel Disquieted Over Suez, Arab Arms, Says PM

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Declaring, in answer to a question, that the Government had no knowledge of any rumoured agreement between Egypt and Israel (following the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone), the Prime Minister, at his monthly meeting with editors of the Israel Press, said at Hakirya here yesterday that there was continuous contact with Britain, but nothing more definite could be said about it.

"It will not be assumed," continued Mr. Sharett, "that we shall regard mere, verbal assurances as capable of compensating for the fundamental facts likely adversely to affect our position in the balance of forces in the Middle East — with all our appreciation of the good will expressed in the statements we hear from time to time."

As for U.S. policy as it emerged in the recent talks of Ambassador Abba Eban with Mr. Dulles, Mr. Sharett, answering another question, gave a somewhat similar reply. Mr. Dulles was clearly disposed to reassure Israel, in the light of the grave concern Israel had shown at the developing situation, Mr. Sharett said. But he did not consider that these assurances met the issue.

"We take the same utterly negative view we have always held of American Middle East policy as expressed in the arming of Arab States" he proceeded. "We are convinced that these arms will not serve their intended purpose and are sure to disappoint the hopes reposed in them. We say this on the basis of clear experience of two World Wars."

"On the other hand, we have no doubt that on the Arab part, these arms are designed to be used against Israel. The very grant of these arms can only be regarded by them as a reward for their refusal to make peace with Israel. In no sense is this action calculated to restrain them in their negative line; and both in its political impression and effect, we consider arms grants to Arabs as making peace in the Middle East more remote. Nor do we think that, internally, the rulers can be consolidated by these grants."

Upsets Stability

The Prime Minister said Israel's opposition to these arms grants was "derived not only from Israel's concern for her own security. We believe that this one-sided grant is liable to undermine peace and stability within the area.

"Israel would look after its security under any circumstances." Mr. Sharett said he could not say anything at the moment on details of Mr. Dulles' reassurances to Israel. Mr. Eban will report to the Government on Sunday, and will continue his contacts with Mr. Dulles when he returns to the U.S.

Asked how Israel could think to bridge the gap between the arming of Israel (if arms were given her) and the arming of seven Arab states, Mr. Sharett said that we were not faced now with the first step in the arming of the Arabs. The gap

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Ben Ammar Pessimistic With High Hopes

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The Tunisian Premier, Mr. Tahar ben Amar, and Mr. Mohammed Masmoudi, his Minister of State, arrived in Tunis by air today from Paris after four days of talks with the French Government on home rule for the Protectorate. Before leaving Paris, he said that he hoped the negotiations which would be resumed next month would be ended quickly.

The main object of the negotiations will be to draw up conventions guaranteeing French interests in the country.

Jerusalem Landlord Murdered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three men who had been waiting in ambush murdered a well-known Jerusalem landlord and wounded his son-in-law on Friday night as they were returning home from synagogue.

The streetlights were out in part of Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem. At 8.05 p.m., a car parked on a hill leading to two apartment houses owned by Dr. Samuel Benson. Ten minutes later, Dr. Benson drew near on his way home from synagogue. He walked slowly as he had suffered a stroke and was partly paralysed. By his side was his son-in-law, Gideon Rainer.

Three men leapt from the car, slugged the older man with a piece of rock and fired two Sten-gun bursts. They jumped back and the car raced off, picking up a fourth man at the bottom of the hill.

Dr. Benson was dead. Mr. Rainer, with a bullet hole near his heart, half-limped, half-stumbled the 120 metres to the building and up to the Benson flat on the third floor to call the police and the ambulance.

Sten gun Shots

The Sten-gun shots had not attracted the attemption of the neighbours, but the screams of Mrs. Benson led them running to where her husband's body was stretched out in the roadway.

The Police arrived immediately, together with the ambulance for Rainer, who was taken to Hadassah Hospital where he was reported last night to have much improved. On-the-spot investigations, led by Mr. Levi Abrahami, Jerusalem District Superintendent, lasted until two in the morning.

It was learned later that three persons had been arrested in their homes in Jerusalem in connection with the shooting. Dr. Benson last week allegedly received threats from a tenant who had been dispossessed for non-payment of rent.

Samuel Benson was born in Jerusalem 60 years ago. In 1934, he became first Rabbi of the Cleveland, Ohio, Community Centre. His wife was born in Cleveland. He leaves two sons, a Tel Aviv lawyer and a Rabbi in Pretoria, South Africa, and two daughters, one a lawyer, the wife of Mr. Rainer, the wounded man, and the other, an education psychiatrist, at present in London. Dr. Benson was active in the Herut Party.

Mapai Council Stresses Need for Social Change

By VICTOR SEGEV, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The need for a new era of creative activity through self-sacrifice, and the need for sweeping changes in the sociological structure of the country, were the major themes of the three-day meetting of the Mapai Council which wound up here this afternoon. The Council which determines Party policy for the first time this year was able to relax from tackling particular problems of taxation or levies and placed its entire weight behind the notion of renewed pioneering, higher productivity and reduced consumption.

In its resolutions, the Council declared the State's main problems to be the resettlement of the entire country, the changing of the professional structure of the population, the bridging of the gap in the balance of trade and the abolition of unemployment.

The Prime Minister summed up the needs of the country by stating that it required "more planning, higher productivity, saving for investment in production and voluntary pioneering." Mr. Sharett urged an intensification of efforts to close the gap between imports and exports. We must rally for a national effort.

Reparations Will Cease

He stressed that both American economic aid and Reparations payments would cease one day and that the country's economy had to be prepared for that eventuality. On the political front, Mr. Sharett reminded the Minister of Finance that Israel had an obligation to compensate the Arabs for their former land. He said that such sums need not be included in the calculation of immediate debts, but that the obligation still exists.

However, he stressed this obligation was undertaken under certain circumstances and would not last forever. The neighbouring states on several occasions had missed important chances of settlement with Israel and they should beware of missing this chance. It is inconceivable that we should embark upon payments when the Arab States inflict upon us daily losses by boycott and blockade and by all sorts of intrigues.

It should also be clear that the Arab lands were not transferred to our ownership through a normal transaction; they fell to us as a result of an aggressive war which was costly in men and money, Mr. Sharett added.

In evaluating our economic prospects, the fact that a new wave of immigration seemed imminent must also be borne in mind.

In such an emergency, an urgent call for special assistance must go out to World Jewry, but the success of such an appeal will depend upon the exertion and sacrifice which the population of Israel take upon themselves.

Alluding to a plea for the break-up of the coalition with the General Zionists voiced by a previous speaker, Mr. Sharett said that if these special efforts indeed called for the break-up, then the coalition must be broken. But if it is the case that they call for its continuation, then it should be our policy to make it continue.

In addition, he continued, the security problem must be considered. The policy of arming the Arabs onesidedly does not foreshadow any reduction of our security budget. Rather the contrary. The point is that apart from the intrinsic military value of the arms to be given, their grant is liable to have the psychological effect of fomenting aggressive designs.

National and Private Wealth

Mr. Sharett said that the dispute on whether emphasis should be laid on national, rather than on private capital was pointless, as both are equally indispensable.

"The need to utilize every bit of

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Economic Aid Still Relatively Large

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Prime Minister Moshe Sharett predicted today that the proportion of U.S. economic aid to Israel in the present year would still be comparatively larger than the aid given to other countries. He explained that whereas in 1952/53 Israel had received $70m. and in 1953/54 the sum had dropped to $52m., the total sum the U.S. had handed out had dropped from $1,800m. to $800m., which means that the percentage for this country had risen from 3.9 to 6.5. In the current year, the total U.S. aid has again dropped to the lowest figure yet, $450m., and, the Prime Minister told the Mapai Council, he would not be surprised if the percentage would again rise in our favour, though the actual sum may be very small.

Mapai to Approach GZ Today on 4% Clause

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Political Committee of Mapai, at a meeting at the Histadrut Headquarters here tonight, decided to approach the General Zionists with the suggestion that the clause concerning the minimum percentage required for participation in the next Knesset should be dropped by agreement of the two big parties to the coalition, by whom it was first negotiated.

It is understood that the Mapai proposal is to be put to the General Zionists at the first opportunity, though it is not likely to be before the weekly Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

This evening's meeting of the Political Committee was the third in a series yesterday and today, fitted in between sittings of the 400-man Council meeting here over the week-end. Mr. Sharett was present throughout the discussions, which lasted for more than 12 hours.

A communique issued tonight stated only that a sub-committee had been appointed to meet General Zionist leaders tomorrow to discuss with them the "percentage clause."

General Zionist circles here tonight would not comment, adding that as the communique mentioned only continued negotiations, they hoped that a compromise could be reached on the lines of Mr. Sharett's "moderate policy."

Jordan Report of Three Israelis Killed Denied

An Israel unit, conducting manoeuvres on Thursday in the area south of Mt. Hebron, was fired upon with automatic weapons from across the Armistice Line, the Army spokesman announced on Friday. The unit, which returned the fire, suffered no casualties.

Regarding this incident, Arab sources had claimed that an Israel force had attacked a Jordan village in the Mt. Hebron area, and had lost three of its men. The spokesman denied such reports as untrue.

The U.N. spokesman told foreign correspondents on Friday night that the Jordan report had been highly exaggerated, adding that the M.A.C. investigating team had visited the scene of the incident on Friday and had not found sufficient grounds to justify Jordan's demand for an emergency session.

Jordan has also lodged a complaint with the Commission charging Israel forces with throwing stones at the Damascus Gate in the Old City, according to a Reuter report from Amman. Jordan alleged that Israel had thrown stones at Arab Legion officers, and asked the Commission to make an urgent investigation. (As has been pointed out before in this paper, Damascus Gate is far out of "throwing range" of any point in Israel territory).

State Department 'Trying to Improve Israel-Arab Ties'

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said yesterday after a conference with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, that the State Department was trying constantly to improve Israel-Arab relations.

With several other Senators and Members of the House, Mr. Saltonstall went to the Department to indicate anxiety over friction between the two groups. He stated that the conference was arranged "to express concern over points of critical importance to the stabilization of relations between Israel and other countries in the Middle East."

Senator Saltonstall's group included three other Republicans, Senator Irving M. Ives, of New York; Representative William G. Bray, of Indiana, and Representative Jacob K. Javits, of New York City. The only Democrat is Senator Herbert H. Lehman, of New York.

Among these he listed the preliminary Suez agreement between Egypt and Britain and its bearing on Egypt's blockade of shipping to and from Israel, the effects on Israel's security of military agreements between the U.S. and Arab nations and military assistance by the U.S. to Israel itself.

"By blockading shipping through the Suez Canal bound to and from Israel," Mr. Saltonstall said, "Egypt is violating a binding decision of the U.N. Security Council in 1951, which ordered Egypt to reopen the Canal to friendly navigation.

"I expressed to Secretary Dulles the position that the U.S. should utilize the influence it has obtained, through its co-sponsorship of the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement, to bring about a commitment by Egypt to end the blockade. This is a matter of central importance to U.S. prestige in the Middle East and the general security situation in that area."

Mr. Saltonstall said that he raised the question of whether military aid should have been promised to the Arab countries so long as they refused to negotiate peace treaties with Israel, maintained a state of belligerency and employed such openly hostile practices as an economic boycott and blockade.

He said that such military aid having been promised, the U.S. should at least take "specific concrete action to guarantee that the security of Israel was not weakened by these military agreements between the U.S. and the Arab nations, and that the precarious balance of power in the Middle East is not upset."

They also urged that serious consideration be given to integrating Israel into overall American planning for the defence of the Middle East.

"I came away from the meeting much encouraged," Mr. Saltonstall said. "The State Department has the problem of improving Israel-Arab relations very much in mind and is working on it continually.

"Secretary Dulles assured us that the Department is taking all possible steps to straighten out the Suez Canal problem and is also trying to work out the military aid situation on a basis which will contribute to bringing more peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab countries."

Jordan Says Burns Sends UN Complaint on Israel

Ramallah Radio reported yesterday that General Edeson L. M. Burns, new Chief-of-Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, had filed a complaint with the U.N. against Israel because Colonel M. van Horen, chairman of the Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, allegedly had been fired upon from the Israel side while he was visiting the demilitarized zone near the Syrian border. The broadcast reported that Syria had also protested to the U.N. regarding the incident.

(U.N. sources contacted in Jerusalem late last night said that they knew nothing of the matter.)

Arabs Not Ready to Join West; Won't Attack Israel—Nasser

NEW YORK, Saturday. — In an interview with "The New York Times" correspondent in Cairo, published yesterday, the Egyptian Premier, Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser, said that mutual defence pacts between the Arab world and the Western powers would have to wait until the Arabs overcome their residual suspicion of Western imperialist intentions.

Col. Nasser explained that throughout Middle Eastern history, treaties and defensive alliances have always been to the advantage of the Western contracting parties, and that as a result they had come to mean "domination" to the mass of the peoples of the Middle East.

For the immediate future, these peoples must depend on themselves for defence, but they need and will accept material and arms aid from the West.

Regarding Israel's recently expressed fears that the British evacuation of Suez would endanger her, Col. Nasser stated that there is no prospect of an Arab attack on Israel. He added that there is no possibility of any change in Egypt's attitude to Israel until she had implemented the U.N. resolutions on the refugees and the partition.

Col. Nasser carefully distinguished between the Zionist organization in Egypt and the non-Zionist community of about 85,000 persons, when he discussed the recent alleged terrorist actions in Cairo. He charged that the burning of U.S.I.S. libraries in Cairo and Alexandria had been committed by a Zionist group acting under orders from Israel.

This is the first official charge that intelligence department investigations had discovered a link between Egyptian Jews and the Israel Government, and he claimed that the same group had placed bombs in six American-owned movie theatres, three in Cairo and three in Alexandria.

(INA, UP, Reuter)

78 Hurt as Greek Police Halt Anti-British Mobs

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). — Police using batons fought off repeated attempts by groups of demonstrators to reach the British Embassy here last night when an estimated 100,000 Athenians surged through the streets demanding "Enosis" — the union of Cyprus with Greece.

Police threw cordons round Constitution Square to protect the Embassy.

Police headquarters announced that in last night's demonstrations in the city, 67 persons, including 27 police, were injured, with five police seriously hurt. Eleven persons were reported injured in Salonika. The police arrested 150 demonstrators in Athens.

The crowd in the square shouted, "Down with the British, down with the cannibals." Archbishop Spiridon of Athens told them, "We hope that the glorious Churchill will close his political career with action for the liberty and union of Cyprus with Greece."

The meeting adopted a motion proclaiming that the Greeks had decided "to fight with all available means" for the liberation of their "Cypriot brothers." It denounced the "oppressive and tyrannical measures" of the British Government towards Cyprus.

The demonstrators broke windows of trams and buses of the British-owned power company. Throughout the rest of Greece demonstrations were peaceful. All Greek towns had hung out flags and had arranged mass meetings yesterday, while troops, tanks, and 6,000 police stood by in case of disorder.

The port of Famagusta was plunged into darkness last night when the government electricity authority's transformer near there was wrecked, it was reported from Nicosia, Cyprus.

Few details are available, but it is believed to have been an act of sabotage which the police are now investigating. The words "Enosis and only Enosis" (Union with Greece) are reported to have been painted on a board near the transformer.

Meanwhile, intruders broke into a school near Larnaca, in southern Cyprus, and destroyed a portrait of Queen Elizabeth, it was reported yesterday.

A stick of dynamite exploded yesterday in the garden of the British Consulate at Chania, Crete, breaking a window. No further damage was reported. Police are investigating.

Greece Appeals For UN Aid on Cyprus

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter) — Greece's appeal for United Nations intervention in her dispute with Britain over Cyprus was formally presented to the Secretary-General at U.N. Headquarters here yesterday.

The Greek permanent delegate, Mr. Christian Palamas, handed a letter to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, from the Greek Premier, Marshal Papagos, which asserted that the dispute was likely to harm the friendly relations between Britain and Greece.

The letter asked that the dispute be put on the agenda of the ninth General Assembly convening here on September 21. A simple majority vote by those present and voting in the 60-nation Assembly after it has convened, is required for inclusion on the agenda.

UN Cannot Interfere

Commenting on the Greek move, Sir Pierson Dixon, permanent representative of Britain to the U.N., declared "Cyprus is, of course, entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of the United Kingdom and thus a territory in whose affairs the United Nations cannot intervene. We shall, therefore, oppose the inclusion of Cyprus in the agenda, and I hope that good sense will prevail."

Replying to questions at a press conference, the Greek Delegate, Mr. Palamas, said that he had "no doubt that the question would be put on the agenda," and that Greece "hoped that she would have the support of all nations who are for freedom."

Mr. Palamas began by reading a prepared statement critical of the Colonial Office. "There is a strong reaction in Greece to British policy — a policy which developed in Cyprus in a rather brutal way. Greece hopes that the United Nations will help ease the situation, as Greek-British relations are getting sick. We are going to the doctor and in the present case the United Nations is the doctor.

UN Head Calls China's Absence A 'Weakness'

CHICAGO, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, Secretary-General of the U.N., addressing the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations and the U.N. Association of Greater Chicago, said today that non-membership of China is a "weakness," but the time is "perhaps" not yet ripe to consider her admittance to the U.N.

He made this statement when questioned about Senator William F. Knowland's recent statement that the U.S. would leave the U.N. if China is admitted.

"It is an anomaly to have a very large part of Asia not included in the U.N.," but this does not mean that his opinion on the matter "runs in the direction of Senator Knowland's or in the opposite direction."

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.S. Air Force Secretary, Mr. Harold Talbott, said last night that an Air Force plane "has just broken the world's altitude record" of 82,235 feet, but he did not disclose the new mark.

Burma to Revive Issue Of Chiang Troops at UN

RANGOON, Saturday (Reuter). — Burma has asked that her complaint over the presence of an estimated 6,000 Nationalist Chinese troops on her territory should be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly.

The repatriation of 12,000 Nationalists from Burma to Formosa began earlier this year. It is believed 6,000 remain, mostly in the thickly forested mountains of the Shan states along the Thailand border. The troops have been in Burma since the Communists swept Chiang Kai-shek's forces from the China mainland in 1948.

Hussein to Visit Turkey

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Royal Court Minister, Sulliman Tukan; the President of the Senate, Ibrahim Hashem, and Senator Abdul Rahman Rushidat will be the Regency Council during the absence of King Hussein in Turkey. Hussein will leave Amman by air for Ankara on Monday.

US Attempting To Save EDC Talks at Brussels

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower yesterday called on Italy and France, who had not yet taken the "necessary steps which would give life to E.D.C." to ratify the European Defence Treaty so that Germany could be brought into the Western community.

In a report on the operations of the Mutual Security Programme during the first half of this year, he termed the omission of the needed German contribution to Western Europe defence as "the most serious single obstacle to an adequate European defence position."

In Brussels today, the U.S. opened an intensive round of talks with West European Ministers in an attempt to prevent the total collapse of the proposed European Army. But even the most optimistic observers thought it unlikely that anything more than a face-saving agreement would result from American intervention in the talks between France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The Foreign Ministers of the six E.D.C. nations twice postponed the start of a fifth session of the conference, while Mr. David Bruce, American Roving Ambassador in Europe, met the key Ministers at the talks.

He was reported to have urged a more conciliatory attitude to narrow differences between France and the other five nations over French amendments watering down the European Defence Community Treaty. But M. Pierre Mendes-France, urged to abandon some of his amendments was reported to have told Mr. Bruce that the refusal to concede anything came from Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor.

The Ambassador arrived from Paris last night carrying a message to M. Mendes-France from Mr. John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State. French sources said it was "encouraging."

Details of Mr. Dulles' message to M. Mendes-France were not disclosed, but it was understood to have encouraged the Premier to do everything possible to save the community. Otherwise, Mr. Dulles was understood to have said, he feared that West Germany would fall into the hands of East Germany.

The message arrived just before the Ministers ended two days of strenuous talks in which they failed to make any headway.

A French spokesman said at the end of an eight-hour session at 1.30 a.m. today, "No agreement on a single major point has been reached."

JOHN CHARGES US WITH WAR PLANS

BERLIN, Saturday (UP) — Dr. Otto John, former West German security chief who defected to the East, in an East German radio interview today charged that a "Gen. Williams, deputy chief of the Pentagon intelligence, had told him during his trip to the U.S. in June, that the Pentagon was preparing to make war on the East."

(In Washington, Maj.-Gen. John W. Willems, Deputy Chief of Army Intelligence, today denied emphatically that he had ever made such a statement to Dr. John and termed the statement "ridiculous." Gen. Willems said that Dr. John's visit was a "formal courtesy call" and that the conversation had consisted merely of "amenities.")

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Social & Personal

The President on Friday received Mr. Meir Ya'ari, Chairman of the Hitachdut Executive, building in Tel Aviv on Friday and was received by Mr. Mordecai Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Benzion Dinur, received Mr. A. Harman, Israel Consul-General in New York, on Thursday. Professor Dinur is to leave for the U.S. on Wednesday to examine manuscripts in connection with his forthcoming book "Israel in the Diaspora."

Mr. Harry Levine, Treasurer of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, arrived by El Al on Friday for his annual visit to Israel.

DEPARTURES:

Mr. E. Baumgold, of New York, returning home, after attending the "Bnai" conference, and Dr. M. Keven, the American polio expert, after a nine-day visit (by El Al); and the 26-man delegation from the "Flying Seminary" of the Winona Lake School of Theology, after a four-day visit to Israel (by Cyprus Airways).

Hadassah Hailed By Eisenhower

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — President Eisenhower today hailed Hadassah for its "energetic and devoted contribution to the good of humanity," as more than 4,000 Hadassah leaders from all sections of the country gathered for the opening tomorrow of the organization's 40th annual convention here.

A record number of convention delegates and guests, representing Hadassah's 300,000 members in more than 1,000 Chapters in every section of the U.S., Puerto Rico and Alaska, are attending.

Prime Minister Sharett, in a cable, said, "May the attainment by Hadassah of the age of 40 (Hadassah was founded in 1912, but did not hold its first national convention until 1914) spur you on to renewed satisfaction in the maturity and vigour of your remarkable organization."

Tomorrow afternoon, Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson of New York, Chairman of the convention, will sound the keynote, and Mrs. Herman Shulman, President, will deliver her report.

Among the scheduled speakers are Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, Brig.-Gen. Telford Taylor, Chief U.S. Prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, and Mayor Robert Wagner, of New York. Speakers from Israel include Dr. Balman J. Mann, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, and Mr. Moshe Kol, Director of the World Youth Aliyah movement, both of whom will report to the delegates on Israel's needs.

The delegates will be called upon to chart for the coming year Hadassah's $3 million programme of medical and social welfare, child rescue and rehabilitation, vocational education and land redemption in Israel, and to foster a creative Jewish life in the U.S. through Jewish education.

BEDOUIN DECORATED BY KING HUSSEIN

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — General Vagn Bennike, former head of the Truce Supervisory Organization, was today awarded the Jordan Star Medal, First Grade, by King Hussein.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lectures—
Youth Symposium on "Selected Immigration," 8.30 p.m., Beit Ha'am.

★ Exhibitions—
Craftsmanship at the Dawn of History, exhibition of Chalcolithic vessels, water colours and drawings by Jules Pascin. Exhibit of the month: Pottery, watercolours by Paul Klee, display of three Kings, Views of Old Jerusalem, Israel Museum Rental, 9-1, 4-6 p.m.
Paintings, Sculpture and Applied Art by Sahara, Lenkin, and Bezalel Schatz, and gallery of Jerusalem Artists, Jerusalem Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the Israel Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, Special exhibition chalcolithic finds from Tel Abu Matar, near Beersheba, including various finds from a Chalcolithic and Middle Bronze stone tomb near Tell Asawir. Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Tours—
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Santa, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions—
Paintings by Mane Katz, also "Modern French Art", exhibition of colour reproductions, Museum, 10-1, 5-7 p.m.

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★ Gramophone Recitals—
Mozart: The Great Mass in C-Major (L.P.)— Gan Ha'em, Carmel Carmel, 9 p.m.

★ Theatre—
Habimah, "The Dybbuk," Grab Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

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Programme, "Silva, The Guardian Princess," Recha Hall, 4.30 p.m.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

All 3.00, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ARMON: Fighting the Clouds with Swallows.
EDEN: Body & Blare.
EDISON: It Came from Outer Space.
ORIAH: Give to this Boy.
ORION: From Here to Eternity, 3rd week.
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ZION: Bwana Devil & Stampede.

LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST
August 22, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeal
Before: Justices Olshan (President), Silberg, Goitein
I. V. Mardirossian, 2. B. Kashishian, Appellants v. The Attorney General, Respondent (Cr.A. 69/54).

MURDER APPEAL DISMISSED

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a conviction of murder delivered by the Haifa District Court on March 22, 1954. (Cr.C. 271/53)

The appellants, V. Mardirossian and B. Kashishian, were found guilty of murdering the former's mistress in a most brutal manner, disposing of portions of the dismembered body in Haifa and in Acre.

The Haifa District Court did not ascribe the actual act of murder to either of the two accused, but held that both had been present at the killing and had participated in it in one of the ways defined in Section 29 of the Criminal Code Ordinance. They were both, therefore, found guilty of premeditated murder according to Section 214(b).

The Appeal

In its judgment, which was delivered by Justice Silberg, the Appeal Court dealt separately with the arguments of each of the appellants' Counsels.

In dealing with the two main arguments of Dr. Erdstein, Counsel for the first appellant, the Court dismissed the contention that the non-existence of a satisfactory explanation for Mardirossian's claimed absence from the scene of the crime at the exact time when it was committed could not serve as sufficient proof of his presence there, holding that the court of lower instance had had ample positive proof of his presence there at the time the murder was perpetrated and did not have to draw its conclusions from any negative deductions.

From the evidence before it, the District Court had been justified in presuming the first appellant's presence at the crime — a presumption which he had been entitled to attempt to rebut by giving evidence on oath or by making a statement from the witness stand. But the accused had rejected both these opportunities, choosing to keep silent.

As for the second argument — the lack of proof as to premeditation — the Court expressed its surprise that there could be any doubt as to the presence of the three essential elements of premeditation required by the law — resolution, lack of provocation and preparation, holding that provocation had not been seriously proffered as a defence before the District Court, nor would they have been justified in accepting it had it been so proffered, while resolution went hand in hand with preparation, it being necessary only to prove the latter in order to infer the former.

The mere fact that the crime had been committed with a cobbler's tool, which must have been brought to the murdered woman's room by one of the appellants, was sufficient proof of preparation, according to Section 214(c).

Turning next to the contention of Mr. Eisenberg, Counsel for the second appellant, that his client's presence at the crime — a fact which he admitted — had been merely passive, the Court held that it was not usual for the murderer to invite a witness to be present while he committed his foul deeds, nor was it plausible to conclude that the second appellant had sat quietly and unperturbedly watching a woman being battered to death and then hacked to pieces.

The logical presumption was that the second appellant had either actively participated in the killing or had, by his presence, strengthened the resolution of the actual perpetrator and assured the carrying out of the offence. Since neither of these assumptions had been rebutted by the second appellant, the District Court had been justified in finding him guilty, with the first appellant, of murdering Maria Antonia Krike.

The appeal of both appellants was therefore dismissed and the sentence of life imprisonment confirmed.

Judgment given on July 29, 1954.

For the first Appellant: Dr. D. Erdstein.

For the second Appellant: Mr. Y. Eisenberg.

For the Respondent: Mr. Davidy.

SIX NEW FIRMS APPROVED

Six new enterprises and additional investment in two existing enterprises were approved in July by the Investment Centre of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, it was announced yesterday. The capital involved is $1.4m. and IL.1.4m.

The largest single enterprise, with an investment of $600,000, is for the construction of industrial buildings in Jerusalem and Haifa.

Sixty-seven permits were approved for 58 enterprises for the import of machinery, equipment and raw materials valued at $275,000. Ten import permits for the transfer of $83,000 worth of capital were issued by the Immigrant Investment Centre.

Six enterprises, with capital of $1.4m. and IL.785,000, were registered in July as having started production.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 697 M.; HAIFA: 260 M.; TEL AVIV: 34.8, 48.0 & 202 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 1 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. Morning Programme. (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.40 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12.00 M. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.50 Housewives' Corner. 12.55 Requests (R). 1.20 Message to Immigrants. 1.30 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Intermezzo: Luciano San Giorgi. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Light Music (R). 7.30 Talk. 7.45 What's New in Science. 8.00 "Walls of Work." 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Michael Taube; Soloists: Mariana Radev & Kim Borg; Works by Mozart, Verdi, Rossini, Bizet, Ponchielli & Saint Saens. 9.30 Milestones. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Yehuda Har Melech. 10.30 "Ros Bab" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
490, 385, 298, 42.1 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. French News: 8.45 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.5, 34.9 & 480 M.): French: 7.30 p.m. Italian: 8.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.45 p.m.
KOL HOEL LAGOLA (32.5 M.): 12.00 p.m. News. 12.05 Personal Column. 12.15 Visit to Haifa Port. 12.30 Talmud Lesson.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6 202 & 385 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.31 "Bow and Arrow." 7.30 Light Music. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.00 News. 8.10 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.96; 34.92; 30.53; 30.90 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. Parliamentary Review, Contact Programme, International Commentary.
VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 25.4 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-8.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.3 M.

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Israel Ambassador to the United Kingdom
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Reservation: Tel. ——, Tel Aviv.

Large Cuts In Purchase Tax

Purchase tax on a number of products will be abolished or reduced under an administrative order to be published today in Reshumot, the Official Gazette.

Abolished entirely is the purchase tax on equipment for gas appliances (heretofore 30 per cent), parts for electric refrigerators (35 per cent), ornamental ribbon and velvet ribbon (35 per cent), packing cord (7½ per cent), asbestos, masonite, and aliotax boards (7½ per cent), electrical equipment (7½ per cent), razors and shaving equipment (7½ per cent), silicloth (7½ per cent), carbon paper (7½ per cent), and bicycle parts (7½ per cent).

The purchase tax on the following items has been reduced: accumulators, tape, cheap carpets, washing machines, pressure cookers, and marble.

Changes have also taken place in the tax on textile products, various types of furniture, glass panes, and fountain pens.

The Luxury Tax Department will henceforth be known as the Purchase Tax Department.

LAVIE FOR TRIAL

HAIFA, Saturday. — Mr. Shlomo Lavie, M.K., is to be tried in the District Court here on September 8 for having caused the death of a man through lack of care.

The District Attorney yesterday charged Mr. Lavie with responsibility for the death of Avraham Ginat, whom he knocked down with his tender while driving on the Wadi Ara Road on May 27. Mr. Lavie is not charged with culpable negligence.

The Attorney General attached a request to the District Court to hear the case before the end of the vacation (September 10).

Mr. Lavie's Knesset immunity was suspended at his own request.

Israel Textile Workers In Int'l Federation

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — Fifteen thousand textile workers in Israel have been admitted to membership, the International Federation of Textile Workers' Associations announced today.

The National Union of Textile Workers of Israel covers spinning, weaving, finishing, knitting and other processes. Its members include 9,000 female operators.

Religious Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): H.C. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon, M.P.S. Jones, H.C. 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): H.C. 8.30 a.m. Vesper service fasted with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.
Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St., near Rav Kook St.): Rev. Wik Pelo. Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m.
Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.
Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel: Languages: German, Italian, English, French. 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel. Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Notre Dame de France): French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel). Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion, 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.
Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. H.S. 8 p.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.
American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Grieberger.
Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).
Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6.30 p.m. All welcome.
Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 8 p.m.
Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): H.S. 7.30 p.m.
Hebrew Evangelization Society (Musrara 86/13): 7.30 p.m. Service in English, German and Hebrew. Thursday: 7.30 p.m. English, German.
Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: H.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.
Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class.
Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 4.30 p.m. 34/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.

THE A.V. & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal), in the Church of the former German Colony (on 20 Eliat St.): H.C., 7 a.m. M.P. 8 a.m. H.S. 7 p.m. Pringsheim Rev. H.E. Adeney, P.O.B. 2776.
Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa: M.S. 10 a.m. H.S. 7 p.m.
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French Hospital 8 a.m. Weekdays: 6 a.m.
St. Anthony's Church (Street 4): 8 & 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant; Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m. H.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1797).
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Case Statistics

The Greenwald libel trial has so far run to 61 sessions. The proceedings were recorded on more than 2,000 typewritten pages. Of this, 150 pages were a condensed single-spaced version written by Judge Halevi, and the rest a double-spaced, word-by-word stenographic protocol.

The prosecution submitted 120 exhibits; the defence, 160. Thirty-eight witnesses were called by the defence, 14 by the prosecution and three by the Court. The charge sheet was read on January 7, 1954, but actual hearings started only on February 18.

Last Witness Of Greenwald Trial

The penultimate phase of the Greenwald libel trial ended on Friday in the Jerusalem District Court with the testimony of what may prove to be the last witness to be called. The trial is to resume on September 6 either with the summing-up of the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, or with the hearing of other witnesses, if a decision to call them is taken in the meanwhile.

Mr. Malkiel Greenwald is on trial before Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the District Court, for having libelled Dr. I. Kastner by writing that he collaborated with the Nazis. Mr. Shmuel Tamir is defending him.

Friday's session was devoted to questioning Mr Hillel Danzig, of the editorial staff of "Davar," regarding a report dated February, 1944, describing the activities of the Zionist Organization of Transylvania. The report stated that in 1943 a group of religious Jews, among them the Rabbis of Belz and Munkacz, were granted immigration certificates in preference to veteran Zionists. When the group reached Budapest the Committee of the Palestine Office argued that the group should not be allowed to proceed further, while the head of the Palestine Office, Mr. Moshe Krause, stated that if they were not permitted to proceed it would delay the departure of future groups. A complaint was lodged with the Turkish authorities, thus holding up the group pending clarification, and delaying the departure of subsequent groups.

Mr. Danzig claimed he had no direct knowledge of any fact in the memorandum. Mr. Tamir then asked permission to recall Mr. Krause, whose character had been castigated in the report, so the latter could be questioned on this point and have an opportunity to clear himself.

Mr. Cohen stated that if Mr. Krause was recalled, he would not confine his cross-examination to the points raised in this report, but would question him at length. Mr. Cohen, however, promised that he would not touch on Mr. Krause's character in his summing up.

Judge Halevi ruled that no reason existed to recall Mr. Krause.

It has been learned, meanwhile, that Mr. Krause is writing a book on the Budapest scene during 1944. The final draft will be ready in about two months, and the book is to appear both in English and Hebrew.

J'lem Man Found Dead

Ezra Naphtali, 40, a textile merchant, was found with a deep cut in his throat, in the bathroom of his home in Rehov Moshe Me'ert, Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem, on Friday night. A kitchen knife was by his side.

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In the men's competition, David Teichner, of Haifa, won the 100 metres breast stroke in 1:24.0 minutes, and the 200 metres in 3:08.0 minutes. Evi Segal, also of Haifa, was first in the 100m. back-stroke in 1:19.4 minutes.

In the youth competition, Giora Ashkenazi, of Tel Amal gained a 100m. free-style win in 1:06.9 minutes, and Uzi Saltpeter, of Shaar Hamakim, captured the 200m. butterfly in 1:19.7 minutes. The girls' competition brought two victories to Hayuta Marciak, of Tel Amal: the 100m. breast stroke in 1:34.8 minutes and the 200m. breast stroke in 3:27.0 minutes.

Soccer and Boxing

In friendly football games in Jaffa, Mifar Haba Hapoel won by 3:2 (2:0 half-time) over Jafa Maccabi, and Jaffa Hapoel beat Mishmar Hashiva Hapoel 4:1 (1:0). In Kinneret, Kvutzat Kinneret beat Ajumot, 3:1 (1:0).

In a novices boxing competition held here last night, Tel Aviv Betar scored a 14:4 points win over Tel Aviv Maccabi.

Portuguese Scores Channel Race Win

FOLKESTONE, Saturday. — Batista Pereira, 23-year-old Portuguese swimmer, won the annual France to England Channel swimming race today. The official time was 12 hours, 26 minutes. The record time for the Channel swim is 10 hours, 50 minutes.

By his victory Pereira won £800 ($1,400) in cash and a trophy worth 100 guineas put up by a holiday resort millionaire, Billy Butlin. A field of 15 swimmers took part.

Pereira, who is only five feet four inches tall, won the race in the last few hundred yards.

He was 40 yards ahead of Mariah Hammad Hassan, of Egypt, winner in 1951, with only 400 yards to go when a surge of tide swung him back almost to where the Egyptian was being urged on by a boatload of supporters. The Portuguese champion summoned up enough power to almost spring through the water to win.

Brenda Fisher, of Britain, was officially declared third in the race. She was the first woman home.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Olson Keeps Title Against Castellani

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (Reuter). — Carl "Bobo" Olson successfully defended his world middleweight boxing title last night when he pounded out a unanimous points decision over Rocky Castellani in a punishing 15 rounds bout here.

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League Champions Wolverhampton Wanderers got off to a good start with a four-two win over their visitors, Sheffield Wednesday, but West Bromwich, runners-up in the championship last season, disappointed their fans by taking a four-two beating on the Sunderland ground.

RESULTS: DIV. 1: Arsenal 1, Newcastle 3; Aston V. 3, Tottenham 6; Bolton 3, Charlton 2; Burnley 1, Cardiff 0; Huddersfield 1, Blackpool 3; Leicester 1, Chelsea 1; Manchester U. 1, Portsmouth 2; Preston 1, Man. C. 0; Sheff. United 2, Everton 5; Sunderland 4, West Brom. 2; Wolves 4, Sheff. W. 1. DIV. II: Bris. R. 1, Port V. 0; Fulham 3, Blackburn F. 1; Hull 0, Leeds 2; Lincoln 3, Bury 2; Liverpool 5, Doncaster 2; Luton 3, Notts. F. 0; Notts C. 2, Derby 3; Plymouth 1, Middlesbro. 2; Rotherham 2, Ipswich 2; Stoke 2, Birmingham 1; Swansea 3, West Ham 2.

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Tiberias	40	28	38	38
Haifa Port	32	22	28	28
Tel Aviv Port	34	26	30	30
Lydda Airport	40	21	34	34
Jerusalem	37	15	33	33
Beersheba	42	20	37	37
Eilat	48	28	42	42

°A) Shimshy at 4 p.m. B) Nan Yamin camp. C) Hazeva yesterday D) Eastman camp expected today

THE LAST 200 metres of road linking Ashkelon and the Afridar quarter with the seashore have now been completed and the road is now open to traffic.

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THE JERUSALEM Cinema Owners' Association has threatened to close their houses in the Capital on Thursday in protest against the Municipal Council's decision to increase entertainment tax. In notices posted outside cinemas, the owners contend that Jerusalem already levies more than Tel Aviv and Haifa.

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THE ANNUAL Mifal Ha'asara Maccabi swimming tournament, in memory of the ten Maccabi swimmers who fell in the War of Independence, is to be held at Geist Oil pool, Ramat Gan, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

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TWO PERSONS were injured on the Tel Aviv-Natanya road near Givat Amal, Tel Aviv, at noon yesterday when their motorcycle ran off the road and overturned. The driver, Mr. Eliahu Cohen, 22, of Petah Tikva, was taken to the Tel Aviv Hadassah Municipal Hospital in a grave condition, but his pillion passenger, Miss Esther Saadia, 18, sustained only slight injuries.

Fisher Buried At Gethsemane

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Hamilton Fisher, late Press Officer of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, was buried on Friday in the Cemetery of the Garden of Gethsemane, overlooking the Valley of Kidron.

Mr. Fisher was buried in the vicinity of Jerusalem rather than in the U.S. at the request of his widow. This was because of the deceased's attachment to the city.

Present at the interment were General Vagn Bennike, outgoing Chief-of-Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, Major-General Edson L.M. Burns, his successor, Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commissions, and members of the Jerusalem Consular Corps.

A Requiem Mass, led by Father Patrick, was held at 11.30 a.m. on Friday in the Terra Sancta Chapel.

The Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, was represented at the Mass, and Senior Israel MAC officials attended.

Jerusalem Has Only 90% Water

The Capital continues to receive only 90 per cent of its normal water supply, after Mekorot National Water Company applied the cut on Thursday to force payment of Jerusalem's current account.

The Municipal Water Department head feared that the intense sharav would increase consumption and cause a water shortage today.

Tenth Anniversary Of Katznelson's Death

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Mapai Council interrupted its deliberations last night and moved to Habimah Hall to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of Berl Katznelson, the labour leader.

Mr. Z. Shazar evaluated Katznelson's achievements in uniting workers and in spreading the Hebrew language and literature throughout the nation. The present generation had witnessed two great events, the destruction of large parts of European Jewry, and the creation of the State. Unfortunately, Katznelson, who had initiated the illegal immigration movement, and had sent the paratroopers off, did not live to share the consolation of the State.

Mr. Raphael Bash spoke in the name of the Mapai Secretariat. Selected items from Berl Katznelson's writings were read by Hanna Meron, Yosef Yadin and Itzhak Shilo, of the Chamber Theatre. A choir of the Ihud Hakvutzot VeHakibbutzim sang under the direction of Mr. Yehuda Sharett. *(Itim.)*

Mapam Fractions Fight Word Battle

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — Le'ahdut Ha'avoda and Poalei Zion held their first public meetings here last night since they broke away from Mapam. Mr. Y. Ben Aharon, M.K. and Mr. Y. Zerubavel, Jewish Agency Executive member, were the main speakers. At the same time, a few hundred metres away, Mapam also called a meeting to hear Hashomer Hatzair leader, Mr. Y. Hazan, M.K.

For two hours, Mr. Hazan delivered a flaming denunciation of the "defectionists" whom he blamed for breaking Mapam and who planned the split like a military operation under the "gifted generalship" of Mr. Yigal Alon.

All hope for the union of the two kibbutz movements has been dashed, he said. "Le'ahdut Ha'avodah has stuck a knife in the back of our mission."

Arab Workers

The majority had made far-reaching proposals to hold the Party together, Mr. Hazan said, but Le'ahdut Ha'avoda had insisted on trying to dictate its will to the majority. It was when Hashomer Hatzair had ousted the leftist elements represented by Dr. Moshe Sneh ("the renegade, the mobster, who knows how to mislead"), that Le'ahdut Ha'avoda saw its last opportunity to break away from Mapam, he said.

Mapam would now open its ranks to the Arab workers who at long last will find a true spirit of brotherhood. "When those who broke away return, they will have to accept this change," Mr. Hazan declared.

At the rival rally, Mr. Y. Wechsler, Haifa Secretary of Le'ahdut Ha'avoda, called on the working public to join the new Party.

Mr. Ben Aharon said that Hashomer Hatzair had tried to emerge from its narrow factional frame six years ago, had failed and was now returning to it. It was a movement living apart from the bulk of the workers' community. Hashomer Hatzair now admitted as erroneous the concept that one nation could not liberate another, and the Arabs could not fight for the Jewish worker. He added that Le'ahdut Ha'avoda would fight "the distorted missionary concept" of Hashomer Hatzair.

ALON WRITES LEAD STORY IN 'LAMERHAV'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "Lamerhav," the Le'ahdut Ha'avodah weekly, the appearance of which was the immediate cause of the Mapam split, came out again yesterday. Mr. Yigal Alon, in the opening article, states that "The nation, the Zionist movement, the State and the working class need a labour party which is Zionist-Socialist, pioneering and revolutionary."

Among the contributors to the issue is Dr. H. Sheba, former Director General of the Ministry of Health, who writes on baby care.

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Jewish wealth weighs heavily on our Party and forces it at each step to make an apparent deviation from the main road of Socialist construction." This does not mean that the Party will for one minute relax its hold on the lever of State building on Socialist, cooperative and Histadrut lines in whatever form it may come. But it is up to us continuously to seek and encourage private capital for productive investment.

Expressing regrets at his inability to attend the Council meeting, Mr. David Ben Gurion wrote from Sde Boker that if everyone is agreed that security and economic independence are the major problems facing the State, then the direction of a maximum number of new immigrant youth and workers to agriculture is the main solution.

"I must admit that the urgency of the problem does not leave me for a moment," Mr. Ben Gurion wrote. "For it is a fact that the majority of the country's youth gather in cities. It is a subject of worry that almost the entire housing plans, including Government projects, and most of industry, centres in the three big cities, overlooking towns such as Beersheba, Safed, Nazareth, Migdal Ashkelon and Eilat."

Both from the point of view of economic health and security, industry should be decentralized, and administrative bodies of the Government and the Jewish Agency should be set up away from the big centres, Mr. Ben Gurion concluded.

In his closing speech, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, said that the State's Enemy Number One is "escapism." Problems must be faced, he said: high pay in the bus services, in Mekorot, and in the electric companies; the low productivity of labour; the tremendous cost of transport and services and of settling a family on the land (IL.10,000). The constant pressure of industrialists who produce luxury goods, and the pressure of luxury goods from abroad which find their way to the black market at exorbitant prices.

"If there is a single dollar allotted to luxuries in the current budget, I shall pay a fine," Mr. Eshkol declared.

Note of Pessimism

Mr. Israel Guri, Chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, sounded a pessimistic note in declaring that, as far as he knew, the instruments of the State, the Histadrut and the Party, were insufficient to bridge the gap quickly between the present economic state of affairs and the desired one.

The morale of the country has declined under the weight of "dividing the spoils," he stated. With the saturation in taxation and with the country's debts, which amount to IL.750m., the only remedy is greater efforts on the part of the labourer and of every citizen. He added that the decentralization of the population calls for State laws which are as yet non-existent, since moral pressure only will not achieve this aim.

Mr. P. Sapir, Director General of the Ministry of Finance, stated that, in order to balance our trade, a gross income of $300m. was needed annually, while it would be an achievement if we reach an income of $80m. this year. He concluded that productivity should bear some relation to our standard of living, now it does not do so.

M. H. Gvati, Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, spoke in favour of the Yarkon-Negev project, calling the current propaganda against it "vicious." The Yarkon, he said, was not a place for pleasure walks, but a source for 200m. cubic metres of water which can irrigate 300,000 dunams of land and provide a livelihood for 12,000 families in the South of the country.

Among the dozens of participants in the debate there was a clear division between young Council members who demanded pioneering on the land, and the city members who spoke about higher labour productivity.

Spread of Industry

In its resolutions, the Council stated that the centralization of the population in one part of the State undermines its security, and that industry should be spread throughout the country, with particular emphasis on housing, electricity, roads and the decentralization of administrative offices.

The Council directed the Secretariat to find ways to mobilize young people for agriculture and to direct teachers, doctors, engineers, and nursing sisters to new settlements and development areas.

The Government should develop basic industries first, with priorities for industries catering for export. A centre for industrial planning should be set up.

It should encourage private capital in addition to its own, and private capital for investments. The Government and the Histadrut were called upon to educate the masses to save.

The changing of its professional structure is a vital necessity for the State. To that end the teaching of vocations and the encouraging of the "Town to Country" movement is a prime means.

The Council noted with pleasure the Government resolution to draw up a long-term all enveloping economic plan. It resolved that the C.o.L. index should continue operation, and that, for the encouragement of workers, a graded wage scale must be maintained.

It found that the percentage of direct taxes is smaller than the indirect ones, which means that the well-to-do were not paying their full share. This "criminal shirking" must be stopped without hesitation by strengthening the Income Tax collection bodies.

There was a minor storm in the Council when Mr. Asher Yedlin, one of the younger members, sought to introduce an amendment to the resolutions saying that national housing projects in towns should be cut on account of housing in rural areas.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, forcefully defended her housing projects, saying that they provided a flat for workers who hitherto had often lived with a wife, children and old parents all in one room. Mr. P. Lavon, the Minister of Defence, stated angrily that no national stability can be established with workers living in poverty.

Mr. Zalman Aranne, the Minister without Portfolio, joined in declaring that the popular housing scheme was the pride of the Party. He revealed that a few months ago a Cabinet meeting had had to withstand a tremendous pressure of criticism against popular housing and that it amazed him that such criticism should be voiced at the Council. The amendment was outvoted, only its author voting in favour.

Yemen Discovers Oil

Extensive drilling in Yemen has resulted in the discovery of oil there and the concession for working these deposits has been given to a West German company, according to Radio Ramallah last night, quoting an announcement made in Cairo by Hassan ben Ibrahim, Yemen Ambassador to Britain now visiting the Egyptian capital.

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already exists, but is now being aggravated. The disparity in strength between Israel and the Arabs was a part of history. But Israel had now to join issue with the U.S. for deliberately making that disparity even greater. The problem should engage international attention. We are a people of one and a half million Jews against tens of millions around us.

Israel has presented no further request to the U.S. for arms, as we have never withdrawn our previous requests, Mr. Sharett said.

Asked if Britain had ever hinted at the possibility of bases on Israel territory, Mr. Sharett said emphatically: "Never!"

Mr. Sharett welcomed Major General Burns, the new TSO Chief, saying that Israel was eager to co-operate with him, seeks his understanding for Israel's viewpoint regarding the nature and operation of the Armistice Agreements. The first meetings with him would probably be devoted to a general explanation of our attitude on the subjects. "I presume that in view of the continual incidents, we shall have to discuss with him new matters also."

Replying to a question concerning reported military talks the Prime Minister stated that on occasion Israel had purchased arms in France and also obtained valuable training facilities in that country.

Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal representative on Middle East water problems, intends revisiting the area again in the autumn. Since his return to the U.S. there had been further contacts with him for purposes of clarification.

Mr. Sharett revealed that a group of Burmese military personnel had already arrived in Israel for training here. We had been favourably impressed by the official Military and Government Mission which had visited this country and they had been favorably impressed by what they had seen here, the Prime Minister said, pointing out that in his letter to the Prime Minister of Burma he had said that we were happy to have been able to give the delegates a chance to see something of our work here, and we are pleased that they found them worthy of study. But we would also welcome their criticism and their suggestions, as we were interested in an exchange of ideas and cooperation between two people whose historic purpose was one: the rehabilitation of a country from the neglect of centuries.

The Prime Minister recalled that two items had been published in Burma on the same day: the intention of the Government to bring in a Compulsory Service Law, and the official announcement of the despatch of the military mission to Israel to study manpower questions here.

Farmers Agree On Organized Labour

REHOVOT, Saturday. — An "organized work" agreement was signed yesterday between the Histadrut and the local farmers' committee in Ness Ziona, whereby the committee undertakes to ensure that only organized labour is employed in all agricultural branches.

A joint committee will examine all places of work and will decide the status of each man.

The farmers' committee undertook to request citrus growers to take on another worker or add a work day per dunam in order to increase employment in Ness Ziona.

Died of Heart Failure

HAIFA, Saturday. — Wladislaw Belko, owner of the Transmissia Company here, died of a heart attack, the Coroner has announced. It was widely believed that Mr. Belko, whose company failed after his death, had committed suicide.

Farmers Suffer In Games As in War

By REAYA SHAPIRO

The Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

THE BLUE COUNTRY, Saturday. — He who tills the land is the victim of him who has nothing in his heart but the will of devastation. The story, as old as Cain and Abel, is retold in the pattern of the Central Command manoeuvres the main part of which is to begin tonight with an offensive by the Greens from down South.

The peaceful Blue villagers had a foretaste of what is in store for them by a series of Green raids carried out on Thursday night. The raiders penetrated the outskirts of several villages, retiring after blowing up a large garage in one and killing the cows found in a shed in another.

The official version in real war would have been: "The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses." And there is no doubt that losses were inflicted on the raiders, but the Area Commander has asked for the support of some regular troops.

It is already evident that the present games have come not a day too soon. The principle of regional defence, inspired as it was from the experience of the War of Independence, could be envisaged only vaguely in the new scheme of defence which has arisen since the country became independent.

Was the "stay put" order to be applied literally? Should the inhabitants of one settlement dig-in on their own grounds and detail no one to help a neighbour in distress? Or, if risks are to be taken, then to what extent, and in what manner? To the tactician's mind, manoeuvres are what a plan drawn to scale is to an architect: they put his thoughts in order.

A high-ranking officer of the Manoeuvres Command, who waited for a night attack to develop, remarked dreamily: "It may not be as spectacular as war games between two well-trained formations, but it is much more important. What we have seen so far is almost a revelation."

It already seems probable — and public opinion should become used to the idea — that certain types of settlement, built with a superficial disregard for danger, would not be able to repeat the heroic stand of Negba during the War of Independence. On the other hand, settlements in the area whose inhabitants have had a military background argue vehemently that without the regional defence plan the villages would be annihilated in the first day of the war. Knowing their mettle, the "enemy" — which is a good Israel formation using Israel-evolved tactics and possessing all the background it needs — chose to attack the strongest points in the border area. Games or no games, a settlement is shocked to learn that raiders have been so near. Girls, sitting beside a group of talkative warriors to "have a look at the fun," were told that it was late and that they should go home—a substitute for the air raid shelter for "non-essential persons."

The Minister of Defence, Mr. P. Lavon, and the Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, lunched yesterday at the headquarters of Aluf Zvi Ayalon, O. C. Central Command.

Early in the afternoon, the Sabbath intermission was announced. Operations will begin tonight after sunset. The interruption was eagerly welcomed by the defenders, who were beginning to weary. Thursday night's raiders, it was said, were able to approach so close to some of their targets because defenders in some ambushes were overcome by sleep.

'PLANS TO EXTORT MADE IN CAFE'

The plans for the alleged attempt to extort IL.6,000 from Mr. Max Klein, Manager of the Marein Antique Shop in Jerusalem, were formulated in a restaurant in Jaffa Road, according to the testimony of a prosecution witness, Mr. Shmuel Kaplan. Mr. Kaplan was testifying in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday, the second day of the preliminary investigation into the "Romek" case.

The witness said that he was present at the restaurant last year shortly before the incident took place in the Marein shop. Also there were Reuven Grinberg ("Romek"), the three other defendants and Yitzhak Gutman, who has since turned State's witness.

Mr. Kaplan related what had transpired later in the antique shop as told to him by one of the defendants, Ezra Yegnes. He said that Yegnes and Shaul and Yehuda Tov had entered the shop with the intention of forcing the manager to return IL.6,000 to a money changer, Mr. Shimon Deutsch, who had paid out this sum for some forged travellers cheques.

An argument ensued when Yegnes put his foot on a piece of antique furniture; "Romek" came in and succeeded in restoring calm. The witness will be cross-examined today. *(Itim.)*

CRASH. — Two British naval jet fighters crashed off Malta on Friday, killing both pilots. They are believed to have collided in the air.

16 Jews Win In S. Africa Voting

JOHANNESBURG, Saturday (INA). — Sixteen Jews were among the successful candidates in Wednesday's Provincial Council election in South Africa. Twelve Jews were elected in the Transvaal to form half the opposition there, and four won seats in the Cape Council.

Youth Drowns

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Saturday. — A youth of 18, of Bror Hayil, a Negev kibbutz, drowned here this morning.

NEARLY 200 uprooted hemp plants were discovered in a hut in Mahane Yisrael, near Lydda, on Friday. The owner of the hut, Yoav Daniel, 70, was detained. Hemp plants are used in making hashish.

Dayan Tells Forces Of US Tour

His tour of U.S. military installations had been planned a year ago when he was acting as special adviser to the Israel U.N. Delegation in connection with the Security Council discussion on Kibya, Rav-Aluf Dayan stated yesterday in a broadcast to the Israel Defence Forces.

The necessity for the trip had not diminished since then, as the U.S. Army was the most highly organized and developed in the Western world.

"We are happy when our interests coincide with those of other powers," said the Chief of Staff, "and are conversely distressed when they come into conflict, but we still follow our own interests whether it pleases others or the reverse. We have continually to improve ourselves, and it was with this intention that I turned to the U.S. Army, and on behalf of the Israel Defence Forces, I thank them for the cooperation they showed us."

Rav-Aluf Dayan said that he had visited establishments which were paralleled in function, if not in size, with those of Israel.

The Chief of Staff mentioned a practice which might be worth introducing here, namely that all officers in fighting units had to attend either a paratroop or comando course, which requires very high physical fitness standards.

Apart from hydrogen and atom bombs, defensive armament today held the ascendancy and was assisted by electronic devices ensuring deadly accuracy.

Atomic Defence

On the other hand, defence had found as yet no answer to atomic artillery. The new tactics did not favour large concentrations of forces in one spot for any length of time. Apart from atomic weapons, the electronically guided missile was the most modern development which should concern us closely. The automatic rifle would replace the present type, and tanks stronger jeeps, and all other arms were improving rapidly.

Referring to his visit to France, Rav-Aluf Dayan said that he had gone at the invitation of the French General Staff. He added that France of all powers had direct physical contact with Arab populations and their problems, and her position in some respects paralleled our own. The contact with France could have important results in strengthening relations and promoting confidence between our two countries.

A PAINTING of the late Field Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish leader, the work of Mr. Samuel S. Zulkis, has been presented to the Finnish Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Toivo Kala, by Mr. H.P. Goldman, local exporter to Finland.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual General Meeting of the Kupat Am Bank Ltd. will be held on Thursday, August 26, 1954, at 4 p.m. at the Registered Offices of the Company, 13 Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Tel Aviv.

AGENDA:

1. Report of the Management. 2. Confirmation of the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1953. 3. Distribution of Profits. 4. Appointment of Certified Accountants. 5. Election of Members to the Management and Council to replace those who are leaving. 6. Miscellaneous.

If th above meeting cannot be held owing to lack of the legally required quorum, a second meeting will be held on August 30, 1954, at the same place and at the same time. This second meeting will have legal power regardless of the number of members present.

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1,000 FOUND DEAD IN PERSIAN FLOOD

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — More than 1,000 bodies of pilgrims have been found at the Moslem shrine of Imam Zadeh Dhoud at Farahsad, 48 kilometres north of Teheran, where a disastrous flood occurred last Tuesday, welfare officials announced in Teheran tonight.

First reports of the catastrophe reaching Teheran today said that after the flood waters had receded the bodies of men, women and children were found heaped on each other inside the high, walled shrine of the Imam.

Eye-witnesses reported that Farashad was thronged with pilgrims on Tuesday — the holy day of Id Chadir. Many old, sick and lame pilgrims were among them, as the shrine is supposed to have miraculous healing properties.

Cables in Brief

A-POWER. — The U.S. Army entered the atomic power race on Thursday with an announcement that it would build a nuclear power works to produce heat and electricity. It said the works could be taken apart and flown for quick reassembly at remote places.

FISH. — More than 20,000 lbs. of tuna fish were dumped into the sea yesterday after being found "dangerously radioactive" by Kanagawa prefectural health authorities in Japan.

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Solution Reported on Lawson Credentials

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP) —The U.S. might agree to some compromise formula under which its Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson, would present his credentials in Jerusalem before taking up his duties at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, informed sources said here today.

Such a formula, they reported, appears to have been worked out by the Israel Government, but they did not know whether it has been accepted by the U.S. or other Governments with missions in Tel Aviv.

The sources were not sure whether the U.S. and Israel could come to a bilateral arrangement on the matter or whether protocol would demand a more general agreement within the Diplomatic Corps in Tel Aviv.

Asked about talks in Washington concerning the new U.S. Ambassador and place of the presentation of his credentials, Prime Minister Sharett at his Press conference in Tel Aviv on Friday said that the United States Government must be aware that an ambassador presents himself to the President at the place of his residence.

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THE conclusion one must draw from the Press conference held by the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister on Friday is that at least a temporary impasse has now been reached in our dealings with the United States and Britain in relation to the situation which has arisen over the agreement to evacuate the Suez Canal Zone and the declared intention of the United States to give economic and military assistance to Egypt.

INFORMATION FAILURE

Mr. Moshe Sharett stressed unequivocally, that vague verbal assurances by Britain could not compensate for the fundamental facts likely to affect our position adversely in the new balance of forces which had been created in the Middle East.

With regard to the United States, the Prime Minister was equally forthright in the evaluation he made of the assurances given by Mr. John Foster Dulles. In this case, the difference seems to be one of fundamental approach to the question. The Americans feel confident that when they have won a position of unquestioned influence in Egypt and perhaps in Iraq as a result of their very friendly policy towards these two states they will be able to persuade them to adopt a new attitude leading to a peaceful settlement with Israel.

It was on this point that the Prime Minister joined issue, basing the utterly negative attitude taken by Israel to the arming of the Arabs — and incidentally therefore her deep disquiet with American views on the matter—on the experience of disappointing Arab reactions towards their friends and wooers in two world wars.

If, then, Israel has failed to make any impression on the British and United States authorities on this matter, and it seems that this is the case, the question has to be asked, what can be done further to remedy the situation?

In both the countries concerned the Governments are particularly sensitive to public opinion. Unfortunately, the indications are that in the United States particularly, Israel is losing the battle for American sympathy. The saddest aspect of this is that this is not because Israel's case is weak. It would be needless repetition to recapitulate here the main planks of Israel's policy in relation to the Arabs; her unflagging offer of direct peace talks with the Arab States and the obligation, reaffirmed by the Prime Minister in a speech to the Mapai Council yesterday, of paying compensation to the Arabs in certain circumstances.

Unhappily, these positive aspects of Israel policy, which has always won many friends among the mass of the American people and large sections of the leadership of its public life, are being countered by a very subtle and well-devised Arab propaganda machine which has one very great advantage over the information services maintained by the Israel Government both at home and abroad. The Arabs are always first in the field with their news — usually of alleged Israel aggressions. They make the headlines with their versions of attacks by Israel here, there and everywhere on Arab territory and the Israel story almost invariably appears at least one or two radio and newspaper editions later. The result is that the refutation never succeeds in overtaking the lie.

Thus, Israel is gradually being branded, quite unjustifiably, as aggressive and belligerent. The most notable recent example of this was the alleged attack on Jordan by Israel elements near Hebron on Thursday. This was carried by the world's main news agencies in a message from Jordan on Thursday evening and it was not until Friday evening that an Israel version giving an utterly different and much more reasonable version of what took place, finally appeared.

Until there is a drastic overhaul in our information services in all departments affecting foreign relations we can only expect our diplomatic position to go from bad to worse.

ONLY BRITAIN CAN SAVE E.D.C.

London's Choice: France or Germany

By WILLIAM CLARK

LONDON (OFNS). — THE British Foreign Office is presented this week with its classic dilemma of having to choose between Germany and France.

It is an added irony that two of the most powerful personalities in the Foreign Service represent opposite sides in the dispute: Sir Gladwyn Jebb speaking for France, where he is Ambassador, and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, new Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, having in mind the interests of Germany where he was until recently High Commissioner.

The problem is what attitude Britain should take towards M. Mendes-France's proposals for revising the European Defence Community treaty.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb is understood to feel it is of great importance that every effort should be made to help the French Premier in his grave difficulties. He can certainly marshal strong arguments. If the Mendes-France compromise is accepted, at least some version of the European Army will be brought into being, and German rearmament can begin before long. From the military point of view, most requirements would be met.

From the political point of view Sir Gladwyn could argue that more would be saved than lost. If the present French compromise is rejected, either M. Mendes-France will abandon the E.D.C. idea altogether, or he will put it forward in a half-hearted fashion and it will be rejected. In neither case is a European Army nearer.

The consequences inside France might well be disastrous. As Sir Gladwyn can properly argue (and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, would agree wholeheartedly), M. Mendes-France is the only French Premier since 1945 who has really been on top of his job. If Mendes-France is weakened or even loses office, the last best hope of a French revival would seem lost. His economic plan, which is far more realistic than anything which has emerged since the war, would be forgotten, and with it would go any hope of an economically strong France. Politically, Mendes-France can be succeeded only by a period of crisis, followed by a growing tendency to extremism.

It would in fact be possible to close the case for France by saying that unless Britain exerts every effort to save Mendes-France and a compromise E.D.C. then Britain's nearest neighbour will cease to be a dependable ally.

Supra-National Clauses

But this argument cannot go unanswered. To accept the present French compromise proposals would be to save the European Army at the expense of "Europeanism." The supra-national clauses which it is now proposed to omit are the heart of the matter for those who, like West Germany's Dr. Konrad Adenauer, see E.D.C. as a step towards a more united Europe.

Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick must know well that either the failure of E.D.C. or its emasculation will shake German faith in Dr. Adenauer's policy. Already the long period of waiting for West German sovereignty and rearmament has lowered the Chancellor's prestige considerably.

The argument can be made from the German side that to accept openly the failure of the European policy would be to strike a mortal blow at the Chancellor's whole pro-Western policy. In that case extremists of both Right and Left would rejoice and the hope of integrating Germany with the West would be lost.

Rather, therefore, than accept the failure of E.D.C., Britain and the Powers more nearly concerned may force France to the dreadful choice between full E.D.C. and the collapse of the policy. If, in anguish, France decides to accept the E.D.C. it primarily drafted, then all is saved; if it refuses, then Britain and the United States together try to save Dr. Adenauer's face by the grant of non-military sovereignty, and later, perhaps, by bringing Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

These are conflicting arguments which, in the absence on holiday of Mr. Eden, must be resolved by Sir Winston Churchill, the man who invented the phrase "European Army." If Britain were now to accept the emasculated E.D.C. and agree to join such an organisation shorn of its supra-national frills, the whole scene would be transformed. France would certainly accept it; and as far as Dr. Adenauer's Western policy is concerned, the weight of the British entry would far outbalance the loss of some federal features.

Geva HaCarmel Grows Up

By PAUL KOHN

LAST week Geva HaCarmel, off the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway, celebrated its fifth anniversary. To the moshav's families who listened to the speeches, who danced and drank, August 1954 was a far cry from the "old days," when they were brought to this spot and told "this is yours; make something of it."

The material resources of the 70 original families, which came from Turkey, Tunisia and Algeria, were almost nil then, but with a pair of hands and a healthy body each. The settlers set up a "moshav ovdim," erected tents, and set to building their own houses. In January 1950, the first families entered the one-room cottages they themselves had built. Each house has 20 dunams of fertile land, and in addition every family has a nine-dunam share in the collective farm.

The settlement specialises in market farming. Melons have done particularly well. In the first year, 1950/51, 672 tons of vegetables were sold to Tnuva. In 1952/53, the figure rose to 1,250 tons, and "this year will easily surpass that," Mr. Moshe Sardinas, the moshav's secretary, predicted.

Dairy farming originally considered an auxiliary occupation, is making splendid progress. The moshav now owns 140 cows, but by the end of the year at least another 60 are expected to start producing. The moshav ships a thousand litres of milk each morning.

The material achievement is not the only source of pride to the moshav. The original 70 families have swelled to 92, 87 of them immigrants from Turkey, and the rest from Tunisia and Algeria. Only two families have left the moshav, and for them the step was unavoidable. Strife is unheard of in Geva HaCarmel.

The moshav has its own school, where its sons and daughters get a general education up to the seventh form. The settlement has no political affiliation, and each adult votes according to personal choice.

Highway Unfinished

There are still weeds in the garden. The moshav lies less than one kilometre from the highway, but it still has no macadamised approach road. Such a road would cost IL.16,000, of which the settlement would have to pay 66 per cent (the Government would contribute the rest).

Electricity has reached only the centre of the village. The cost of stretching cables to cover the straggling two kilometres which the houses of the moshav cover is IL.60,000. For the moment then, the luxury of electricity is out of the question.

The moshav is intent on reducing the debt of IL.70,000 it already owes. It is already developing 240 dunams of banana plantations (70 are now bearing fruit, 160 dunams of vineyard and 40 dunams of apples. Each week every family receives its wages according to its share in the produce. All taxes are automatically deducted on the spot.

These are Israel's new farmers. In their countries of origin, they came from many walks of life, but hardly any of them worked on the land. As they lifted their cups of wine and called *l'hayim* one could not help feeling that to them these words held quite a wealth of meaning.

HAIFA MUSIC NOTES

AFTER a hot day's hard work, the open-air evening concerts of the Haifa Orchestra at Gan Ha'em are refreshing and restful. It should be remembered, however, that solo parts are difficult to hear in the open air, and on Wednesday, in Bach's proud Suite No. 2 for Flute and Strings, where the flute is supposed to add so much colour, it could be heard only in the slow movement. Avidom's Concertino for String Orchestra and Flute was heard better, because the microphone was placed at the side of the soloist (Uri Toeplitz).

The Concertino's three movements are Allegro con spirito, Andante con moto quasi allegretto and Allegro e Scherzo. It pleases by its strong rhythm, and it speaks the listener's own language of earth and clod, colourfully painting the rounds and the laments of the country folk. The flute was blown perfectly by Mr. Toeplitz, who captured the pastoral background.

Dvorak's String Serenade was somewhat restricted in tone quality and therefore slightly disappointing. Under Mr. Feleg's baton, the orchestra plays more accurately every time. Of special importance in such open-air concerts is the man behind the stage, Mr. Schaudinisky, the head of the Technion's Electronical Department, who is responsible for the sound quality.

G. W.-B.

Friday's Press

Manoeuvres' New Significance

THE summer army manoeuvres will have particular significance this year in view of the military and political changes on our borders, says "Davar" (Histadrut). The military experience of the War of Liberation must be brought up to date. The first phase of the present manoeuvres will test area defence on the assumption of large-scale attacks, and that the Army must be given time to prepare a counter-offensive.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) deals with the coming of the new U.N. Truce Supervision Chief of Staff, and says that one of the most serious aspects of our relations with the Arabs is the fact that those who are interested in perpetuating unrest in the Middle East have apparently succeeded in convincing the U.N. observers that peace is impossible and would be nothing less than a miracle. Such an attitude will only provoke acts of terror on an even wider scale. Only a strong effort to stamp these attacks out, and not appeasement, will make the Arabs respect that U.N.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) comments on the Prime Minister's recent declaration on immigration from Morocco, and says that mass immigration affects not merely the Jewish Agency and its budget, as some people seem to believe, but the nation as a whole. Any decision on the abolition of selective principles in immigration should therefore be adopted by some body which is responsible to the Knesset and not by some organisation free of such control.

Several papers publish contributions on the split in Mapam. "Omer" (Histadrut) hopes that it will ultimately bring about a larger measure of working class unity in Israel, while "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), which says that Mapam has revived with surprising rapidity, believed that the minority which has seceded has no raison d'etre as a separate body, and will fail as the Lamdan-Livshits and Sneh factions failed. The paper regrets that Hakkibutz Hameuhad is likely to suffer from the manoeuvres of its leaders.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) publishes a speech by its Party's General Secretary, S. Mikunis, who tells the Hebrew writer what he should do (preserve the progressive heritage of the past) and what he should not do (become a surrealist or a naturalist). He attacks the theory of "internationalism" in the field of the arts and says that our main task is to adopt the method of Soviet socialist realism.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) welcomes the visit of the American trade union delegation and expresses its confidence that it will contribute to friendship between the workers' movements of the two countries.

The Week in the Knesset

G.Z. Want it Both Ways

By GERDA LUFT

PARTY politics are seldom a help to clear and objective thinking. They never increase anyone's sense of proportion when elections draw near. And when party politics combine with election considerations, summer heat and a water shortage, things are bound to take a bewildering course. This happened last week in the Knesset when all familiar symptoms of a government crisis appeared. The indicator of tension rose and fell with astonishing rapidity. On Monday it seemed as if the Coalition was about to split without hope of mending the rift and people began already to count votes in order to make up a "small" coalition. On Tuesday the indicator had swung round to optimism and it looked as if the General Zionists were after all to remain on the right side of the Government. Wednesday things were again less clear and no one knows how long the Coalition reconciliation will last.

One thing is certain among these uncertainties. Except for the "inner circles" who have "made" the crisis, no one would be happy about the "percentage clause" for small parties which was included in the coalition agreement between Mapai and the General Zionists. If implemented to the tune of 4.2 per cent — as at present proposed — it might choke the Progressives; it might make life precarious for the Communists; and it might even threaten the splinter parties of Mapam.

Sorting Members

Now that Mapam is split, by the way, its two sections have to sort out their representatives in the House among themselves — not to speak of major changes in committees, in several of which only factions with at least eight members are sure of a seat.

At any rate, the General Zionists have a queer notion of coalition government if they meant to reject collective responsibility for the moment and yet to hold on to their ministerial posts. To stay in and to reserve the right to reject certain proposals means to be in and out at the same time. Realizing this, the General Zionists, who had threatened to leave the Coalition on account of the percentage clause (on the subject of which they could cite an inter-party agreement), obeyed coalition discipline on a point of principle for them and of supreme interest for many of their voters. The new income-tax provisions, which give certain privileges to wage earners while denying them to self-employed persons, are obviously an issue on which the General Zionists cannot long compromise. It may well be that they will revive it next year.

Urgent Immigration

Wednesday morning, reserved for motions to the agenda, was this time crowded with important issues. Several members brought up the problem of immigration from Morocco, using this opportunity to attack the Government fiercely for not doing enough in this respect. The Prime Minister, who replied to the motion and succeeded in transferring it to committee, refuted the accusations and hinted that the statements of the defenders of an immediate debate in public were exaggerated. It is a pity that weighty considerations made a full-fledged debate inopportune. Mr. Raphael, of Hapoel Hamizrahi, has always fought the principles of selective immigration although the position of sick and socially helpless people in this country made them a matter of simple commonsense and responsibility. The members who joined Mr. Raphael in his accusations obviously did so not only out of concern for people in danger but also out of political motives. As we are now free to determine our own immigration policy, this vital problem should not be tackled from along party lines but in view of the necessities of Israel and the communities concerned.

Water for thirsty Jerusalem was certainly a topical issue, and Mr. Eshkol "hit the nail on the head" when he said that the citizens of Jerusalem had the municipality which they deserve. It is indeed difficult to understand how for years now the Capital has been unable to set up an efficient administration for its local needs. The suffering of thousands of people last week, especially in the ma'barot, should have shaken more members to press for a "cleaner and better Jerusalem."

Readers' Letters

MORE ON SPINOZA

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I should like to add an important point to the recent discussion on Spinoza. During my last visit to Holland, a leader of the Amsterdam Jewish Community told me about a revealing article on this subject published some years ago by the late Sigmund Seeligmann, an eminent Jewish historian. This article was referred to by Henriette Boas in your issue of February 5, 1954, but some details were omitted.

Seeligmann's investigation led him to the conclusion that Spinoza's excommunication was not based on religious grounds. The Jewish Community leaders of that time had the (probably unfounded) suspicion that the "Collegiants" (a sect officially outlawed by the Dutch Calvinist authorities of that period), with whom Spinoza maintained close contact, were informers of the Church Authorities of Spain and Portugal and allegedly supplied news to these authorities about the Spanish and Portuguese Marranos who had returned to Judaism in Holland. The Jewish leaders of the Amsterdam Community were probably afraid that this could lead to hardships for their relatives still living in Spain and Portugal.

Spinoza was warned to sever all connections with the "Collegiants" but ignored the warning. This may explain why the ban was pronounced not by Rabbis but by the Community leaders (although mention is made in the excommunication document that it was done with the consent of the Rabbis).

In view of the widespread interest in the subject, it might be worthwhile to have Seeligmann's article published here.

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